

Make Permitting Reform A Priority For America

To achieve American energy dominance, we need new infrastructure that will allow us to win the AI race while meeting everyday energy and power needs. The current regulatory environment is limiting the buildout of that infrastructure, thus holding back our ability to safely and efficiently produce and transport natural gas and other forms of energy to consumers and other end users. The solution is within reach, and **Congress must act now**: update the federal statutes which would reform the permitting process to build essential energy infrastructure in America.

Fixing the Mismatch of Supply and Pipeline Capacity to Deliver Affordable Energy

The U.S. has an abundant supply of natural gas, but most of our existing pipelines are running at or near capacity to deliver energy to Americans and our allies and trading partners abroad.

From 2010–2022:

45% ↑

in natural gas demand

vs.

From 2010–2022:

28% ↑

in pipeline capacity expansion

Smallest added interstate pipeline capacity in recorded history between 2022 and 2023:

- ⬆ < 1 Bcf/d of 2023 interstate pipeline capacity additions
- ⬆ 89.1 Bcf/d of 2023 natural gas consumption



“The reality: America’s energy independence is being undermined by our failure to invest in complementary energy transportation infrastructure.”

– Amy Andryszak, President & CEO of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, and Scott Hallam, President & CEO of Boardwalk Pipelines

Projections for U.S. energy demand growth skyrockets

Projections for U.S. energy demand growth have doubled since 2023: [Washington Post](#)

Driven by booming cloud computing, AI, industrial resurgence, and electrification of buildings and transport, the U.S. is expected to see a 25% increase in electricity demand by 2030, and a 78% increase by 2050, compared to 2023 levels. [ICF](#)

An additional 47 GW of power generation capacity will be required to support data center power demand growth by 2030, 60% of which will come from natural gas. [Goldman Sachs](#)

Globally, natural gas demand is projected to grow 10–15% by 2035: [McKinsey & Company](#)

Outdated Permitting Policies Jeopardize Our Energy Goals

We cannot rely on the status quo to meet our nation's long-term energy needs. Lengthy judicial reviews and laws like the Clean Water Act and the National Environmental Policy Act need reforms to align with 21st century realities, including growing natural gas demand and the need to build new energy infrastructure to meet our goals for a clean, affordable, and reliable energy system.

On average, it takes **two years** to receive a certificate of public convenience and necessity from FERC.

Five projects cancelled on the east coast from 2013-2021 after receiving their FERC certificate due to permitting challenges—resulting in:

- ⬆ **Loss of 5 Bcf/d of additional capacity**
- ⬆ **25.5 million homes not serviced by interstate natural gas pipelines**
- ⬆ **40,000+ jobs lost**



What Energy Leaders Are Saying About Permitting Reform

Chris Wright, U.S. Secretary of Energy: *"America can and will build big things again, but we must cut the red tape that has brought American energy innovation to a standstill and end this era of permitting paralysis."* [Statement | 6.20.25](#)

Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works: *"For too long, critical projects such as energy and infrastructure projects, along with industrial projects as well, have been trapped in a cycle of redundant reviews, shifting goalposts, and regulatory uncertainty."* [Testimony | 2.19.25](#)

Representative Brett Guthrie (R-KY), Chair of the House Committee on Energy & Commerce: *"With the dramatic expansion of AI data centers, the U.S. will need to double or triple our electricity load growth by 2028. In just two months, we have already held hearings on increasing energy availability, supporting our grid, and assessing implications for the AI economy. "Permitting reform is one way to help address the growing need for electricity." [Op-ed | 3.27.25](#)*

Jason Grumet, CEO, American Clean Power Association (ACP): *"Congress must redouble its effort to establish durable, predictable, and efficient permitting processes. America has the industrial capability and economic strength to power our growing economy and safeguard our environment. Clean energy innovation and investment is surging. Our public decision-making processes need to keep up." [ACP Statement | 4.30.24](#)*



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